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ONLY eight weeks from date to National Conference.

THE article on "Consolidation," by D. C. Moomaw, in this issue, has the "true ring."

SEND 5 cents for a sample copy of "Theology of the Communion Service," by B. C. Moomaw.

THE Brethren Sunday-school of the Ashland City church will picnic on the College grounds, Thursday, July 11.

THE brethren at Marion, Indiana, will have their new church edifice ready for dedication the first Sabbath in August.

THE closing of the liquor saloons on Sunday has called forth a storm of protest from those who aided in the election of the present administration.

WE have on hand a biography of brother P. J. Brown. It will appear in the EVANGELIST, accompanied by his portrait, just as soon as we can have "cut" made.

A JOINT entertainment of the King's Children of Ashland and Fair Haven churches will be held at the latter place on Sunday evening July 21. Such meetings we believe to be productive of good. A choice program has been prepared.

SHOULD any congregations fail to get blank credentials and statistical reports necessary for a proper representation at the National Conference, they should at once send for them, to brother J. A. Miller, Ashland, Ohio.

PROGRAMS, blank credentials, and statistical reports, accompanied by a personal letter, for the National Conference, have been sent out by the secretary, brother J. Allen Miller. We trust those who receive them will take special pains to attend to every item referred to in Brother Miller's personal letter.

WHEN one reads the disgraceful "act" passed by the Florida Legislature, he may well ask whether that State claims to be a part of the United States or whether its Legislature is a relic of the Dark Ages. Here it is:

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Florida:

Section I. It shall be a penal offense for any individual body of inhabitants, corporation, or association to conduct within this State any school of any grade, public, private or parochial, wherein white persons and negroes shall be instructed or boarded within the same building, or taught in the same class or at the same time by the same teacher.

Section II. Any person or persons violating the provisions of Sec. I. of this Act by patronizing or teaching in such school shall, on conviction thereof, be fined in a sum not less than \$150 nor more than \$500, or imprisoned in the county jail for not less than three months nor more than six months, for every such offense.

TO our mind the worst horrors of lynching in the South, are not any worse than this disgraceful action of the Florida Legislature. It is to be hoped that the United States Court will speedily pass upon this action and pronounce such abominable legislation unconstitutional.

IT is not the business of a religious paper to report murders, suicides, etc., but here is one with two practical lessons, and we therefore give it place. A German by the name of Sigmund Schmiedler, in New York City, woke his wife early in the

morning with a kiss, shot at her, inflicting an ugly skin wound, then put the pistol to his head and a bullet into it. He explains his course in this letter which he left:

"NEW YORK, JUNE 12, 1895

"To the Coroner:

"Being unable to bear life's miseries any longer, so determined to end my life. Take my dear beloved companion with me. Colonel Ingersoll is right in his views and lectures, and as to my opinion the most sensible man of the century.

"Our social system is wrong and unjust; our laws, churches, and priests are fakes. They all serve but one God, and his name is Mammon."

SIGMUND SCHMIEDLER."

Two things are to be observed in connection with this tragic incident. 1. This man once possessed property and was on a fair way to wealth. Through unfortunate investments he lost all he had, and as a result condemns churches, laws and our social system, and ends his life in suicide. So long as his investments yielded him large increase, the laws were right. If his investments had brought him \$10 for \$1, no matter who would have lost the \$9, so he made them, but when another made and he lost, then all is wrong. 2. To hold Ingersoll responsible for all the crazy acts of men who quote him as authority would not be just. But it is not unjust to hold him responsible for that teaching which advises suicide as a refuge from a burdensome life. Here is one of the practical consequences of that philosophy which destroys the spirit of true sacrifice, robs the soul of hope immortal, and makes death the end of all existence.

A TRAVELING salesman once undertook to sell a printer an iron safe, and gave seven reasons why his safe should be bought. Here they are:

- 1st. You can't do better.
- 2nd. The same.
- 3rd. The same.
- 4th. The same.
- 5th. The same.
- 6th. The same.
- 7th. You might do worse.

For these very reasons every member in the Brethren church should subscribe for and read the EVANGELIST. If you are not now a subscriber, send 75 cents and get the paper to the end of the year.